

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

GEORGE G. REINLE.....President
CLARENCE G. TOLAND.....President-Elect
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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Council Meeting.—The next meeting of the Council will be held in the offices of the Association, room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, January 20, 1934.

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Application for Place on Annual Program.—Members who desire to present papers before the 1934 annual session, which will be held at Riverside, should write to the secretary of the section before which the particular subject should be presented.

Names and addresses of section officers are regularly published on advertising page 4 of each issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

When requesting place on the program, a brief résumé of the paper should accompany the application.

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Committee on Scientific Exhibits.—To stimulate greater interest in the scientific exhibit at the annual session, a special committee has been appointed by the Council: William J. Kerr, M. D., Lyell C. Kinney, M. D., Frederick Leet Reichert, M. D., Ernest M. Hall, M. D., and Elbridge Best, M. D., chairman.

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Scientific Exhibits.—Those who are interested in planning a scientific exhibit at the Riverside meeting should apply for space to the Committee on Scientific Exhibits through the State Association office, room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, before the first of March, 1934.

In making application give title and description of exhibit with an estimated amount of floor and/or wall space required.

COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The November meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society, which was the annual business meeting, occurred on Tuesday evening, November 14, and was held as a dinner meeting at the Hotel Carquinez, Richmond.

The annual reports from the secretary-treasurer's office were read by Clara H. Spalding. Dr. Harry Ford moved that they be accepted, with a vote of thanks to Doctor Spalding. The motion was seconded by Doctor Carpenter, and passed by the society.

Reports of the committees, which have served during the current year most efficiently, were made as follows:

Committee on Public Relations—Dr. Harry Ford, chairman, who reported the plan recommended to the Board of County Supervisors.

Medical Economics—Dr. S. N. Weil, chairman.

Hospitals and Clinics—Dr. U. S. Abbott, chairman.

Health and Public Instruction—Doctor Fraser announced that several educational talks have been given by members to such organizations as the Parent-Teacher Associations. These undoubtedly help to disseminate medical information.

Membership—Dr. C. Spalding announced that six new names appear on the list of members since the beginning of the year. While several names of the members of the past year do not appear, for various reasons, the society has attained a net gain of one member.

History and Obituary—Fortunately, no need has arisen during the past year for the services of this committee.

Advisory to Woman's Auxiliary—Doctors Fraser, Abbott, and Weil reported activities of that very valuable body, and it was agreed they deserved a vote of thanks from the county society. Motion to that effect was made by Doctor Beard, seconded by Doctor Ford, and passed.

Under new business, suggestions and discussion followed, especially directed toward the activity of the Committee on Public Relations, which has given much time to the study of the mode of administering medical charity in the county. The plan drawn up by that committee, headed by Doctor Ford as chairman, ably assisted by Doctors U. S. Abbott, S. N. Weil, and McCullough and the officers of the society, as unofficial members of the committee, was discussed by Doctors Beard, Ford, Fraser, Walter Johnson, Daily, Dozier, Fitzgerald, and Carpenter. Among the suggestions tendered were:

1. A personal letter by every member of the society on his individual stationery, directed to the Board of County Supervisors, refusing further charity medicine unless the medical aspect be definitely removed from politics.

2. A specific demand upon the Board of Supervisors that they take some definite action upon the plan submitted to them about ninety days ago, and which they have never acknowledged.

3. Stress the fact that the plan submitted has the approval of the local society, the State Association, the College of American Surgeons, and the American Medical Association.

4. Publication of the plan that the general public may become informed of the details.

5. Newspaper publicity of the tremendous amount of medical charity being done in the county by private physicians, so that the public may become enlightened upon the subject.

6. That an ultimatum be issued to the Board of Supervisors, setting a time limit during which they shall be permitted to consider the proposed plan, beyond which the medical society shall proceed as they may see fit.

7. Offering again to meet in conference with the Board of Supervisors.

Accordingly, motion was made by Dr. Thomas Dozier, seconded by Doctor Carpenter, and unanimously passed by the members, that the present Committee on Public Relations, with a substitute for Doctor Beede, be authorized to proceed along any line that will best serve the wishes of the society, with full power to act as they think advisable.

Doctor Fraser named the committee, to consist of Doctors Harry Ford (chairman), U. S. Abbott, J. McCullough, S. N. Weil (secretary), and Thomas Dozier.

Doctor Ford requested a meeting at the office of Doctor Weil on the evening of November 16.

Doctor Fraser reported a meeting which he attended as a representative of the county medical society and which Dr. William Powell attended as a representative county officer, with the Pittsburg Health Center. The Pittsburg Health Center had arranged the meeting, asking advice as to how to proceed with their unit. Suggestion was made that they limit their activity to indigents, widen their scope, and that they would then be in a position to ask financial aid from the Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Kaho Daily, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the annual party, reported that it would be a dinner dance on December 16 at the Berkeley Country Club and that the price would be fixed at \$2.50 per person. The members present agreed that the sum of \$50 could be used from the county society treasury for that purpose. This is the amount that has been appropriated each year for several years past, but official sanction of the society has never before been given for this action.

Suggestions were made for increasing the size of the meeting and general pleasure afforded those who will attend by inviting the dentists and druggists to join with us. It was also suggested that a blanket invitation be sent by the secretary to the county societies of Napa, Solano, Alameda, San Joaquin, and San Francisco; those attending to come as pay guests.

The report of the Committee on Arrangements was accepted.

Dr. William Powell requested that the members of the profession be on the alert for cases of amebic dysentery, and warned them to report them promptly to the Health Department.

The subject of setting a fee schedule for Contra Costa County was discussed, deemed impracticable, and definitely shelved.

The Nominating Committee, Dr. S. N. Weil, chairman, suggested the following officers for the coming year: President, Dr. M. L. Stauffer of Pittsburg; vice-president, Dr. W. S. Lucas of Richmond; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Clara H. Spalding of Richmond. Censor for 1934-1936, Dr. Fred Nevius of Antioch. Delegate to the state convention, Dr. U. S. Abbott of Richmond. Alternate delegate, Dr. L. H. Fraser of Richmond.

No further suggestions being made, Dr. H. H. Carpenter moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the above-named officers. Motion was seconded and passed.

Doctor Weil suggested a rising vote of thanks for the excellent way in which Doctor Fraser, the president, has served the society in the past year, and Doctor Ford suggested the same courtesy to the secretary. After this gracious tribute, and a suggestion by Doctor Abbott for increasing the interest in the meetings for the coming year, and a suggestion by Doctor Ford for enhancing our membership, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 o'clock by Doctor Fraser.

The attendance was the smallest of the year—fifteen—but those present agreed that the meeting around the dinner table had been most enjoyable.

CLARA H. SPALDING, *Secretary*.

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ORANGE COUNTY

The Orange County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting on November 7 at 8 p. m. in the Chapel of the Orange County Hospital. The meeting was unusually well attended, about seventy-five members being present.

Following the usual brief business session, Dr. C. D. Ball read the obituary of Dr. Frederick Pope.

Dr. Norman Kilbourne of Los Angeles, speaker of the evening, presented a paper on *Hemorrhoids—Shall Treatment Be by Operation or Injection? Comparative Results in a Survey of Sixty Thousand Cases. Elimination of Pain in Rectal Operations, Methods of Injection*. His

talk indicated a vast amount of research and study, and his views were unprejudiced. The paper was well illustrated with lantern slides. A large number of questions were asked, and following this the meeting adjourned.

WALDO S. WEHRLY, *Secretary*.

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the Elks Temple on September 19. The president, Dr. George Briggs, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p. m. Sixty-three members were present.

There were no case reports.

The first paper of the evening, *Subarachnoid Hemorrhage*, was read by Dr. Frank Reardon. The classification and etiology of this pathological condition was first discussed, then the symptoms of the various types of subarachnoid hemorrhage were outlined. The diagnosis of subarachnoid hemorrhage is often difficult. A case was reported which was first diagnosed as a brain tumor. The paper concluded with seven case reports, several of them with autopsy findings.

The second paper of the evening was the report of a case of *Subarachnoid Hemorrhage* by Dr. Fredrick Gundrum.

Appreciation of the papers was voiced by Doctors Young, Van Den Berg, Vance, Dozier, Howard, and Burden.

The application for membership of Dr. Walter N. Becker was read for the second time and voted upon. Doctor Becker was accepted unanimously into membership. The applications for membership of Doctors Anthony R. Boscoe, George O'Brien, and Edward A. Anderson were read for the first time. The transfer of Dr. Masa Atsu Harada was read for the first time.

Doctor Wilson gave a talk on the social service department at the Sacramento County Hospital. Doctor Wilson's speech was discussed by Dr. Frank Brendel. Moved by Doctor Gundrum and seconded by Doctor Scatena that this society express itself as willing to develop some method whereby the sick who cannot be admitted to the County Hospital, yet who cannot pay full rates, can be cared for. Carried.

Doctor Schoff suggested that an outline of the plan be mailed to all members of the society for their approval.

A letter was received from Doctor True suggesting a method whereby food handlers can be examined at reduced rates by physicians. Doctor Briggs appointed the following Food Handlers' Committee to study this problem and report at the next meeting: Doctors Dozier (chairman), Young, True, and Christman.

FRANK WARNE LEE, *Secretary*.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The November meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the County Hospital on Tuesday, November 7. The meeting was opened by the president, at 8:10 p. m.

Pursuant to the By-Laws, the proposed amendment published in the Bulletin was discussed. Dr. S. B. Richards suggested some changes, but no motion was carried making any.

Dr. V. Pinkley gave a short talk on certain phases of the management of the county charity hospital.

Announcement was made that the Riverside County Medical Society proposed to invite the San Bernardino County Medical Society to hear Dr. E. C. Rosenow of the Mayo Clinic, who will speak at Riverside, probably on December 20. Notice of the exact date will be given later.

The following paper was then presented: *Agranulocytic Angina and the Malignant Neutropenia of Sepsis, with a Report of Four Cases*.

Doctor Garcelon being ill, this paper was read by Dr. George Landon. Discussion was opened by Doctor Neubert and continued by Doctor Harpham and others, and was closed by Doctor Landon.

The second part of the program was incomplete, as only one interesting clinical case was shown by the medical staff. The remaining time was filled in by Dr. Ivan Finkleberg, who showed motion pictures of the Century of Progress. E. J. EXTINGE, *Secretary*.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the Medico-Dental club-rooms, 242 North Sutter Street, Stockton, Thursday, November 2.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m., with Vice-President Gallegos in the chair.

The applications of Dr. Neill P. Johnson and Dr. T. E. Zinkan for membership in the San Joaquin County Medical Society were read and referred to the Committee on Admissions.

The nominations for officers for 1934 resulted as follows:

President—Percy B. Gallegos, J. M. Hench.

First Vice-President—H. J. Bolinger, A. R. Powers.

Second Vice-President—E. L. Blackmun, S. E. Latta.

Secretary-Treasurer—F. S. Marnell, G. H. Rohrbacher.

Board of Directors—N. P. Barbour, C. A. Broadus, L. Dozier, J. F. Doughty, E. C. Griner, H. E. Kaplan, S. W. R. Langdon, R. T. McGurk, J. E. Nelson, B. J. Powell, Jr., D. R. Powell, G. H. Rohrbacher, G. H. Sanderson, T. L. Sutton.

Admissions Committee—C. A. Broadus, F. J. Conzelmann, J. D. Dameron, L. Dozier, C. F. English, J. P. Hull, F. A. McGuire, H. C. Peterson, B. J. Powell, Jr., G. H. Rohrbacher.

Ethics Committee—J. E. Barnes, J. F. Doughty, E. C. Griner, R. T. McGurk, H. C. Peterson, B. H. Powell, Sr., D. R. Powell, G. H. Rohrbacher, M. H. Smyth.

Finance Committee—H. S. Chapman, J. V. Cravitt; J. D. Dameron, S. E. Latta, B. J. Powell, Sr., D. R. Powell.

Program Committee—William Friedberger, Samuel Hanson, B. J. Powell, Jr., G. H. Sanderson, Hudson Smythe, T. L. Sutton.

Delegates—P. B. Gallegos, H. E. Kaplan, D. R. Powell, G. H. Sanderson.

Alternates—C. A. Broadus, J. F. Doughty, R. T. McGurk, C. V. Thompson.

There being no further business the scientific program was opened by Dr. Rodney A. Yoell of San Francisco with a paper on *Medical Economics*. The discussion took the form of questions led by Doctors Sanderson, Dewey Powell, Latta, and Griner.

Dr. Alson R. Kilgore was present among the guests, but had not prepared any message.

After some discussion of the cumbersome nomination and election rules of the By-Laws, it was moved by Dr. D. R. Powell that a committee be appointed to revise the procedure. This was duly seconded, and carried.

C. A. BROADUS, *Secretary*.

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SONOMA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society was held at the Occidental Hotel on October 9 at 7 p. m. In the absence of the president, Dr. S. S. Bogle occupied the chair.

The following guests and members were present: S. Z. Peoples, S. S. Bogle, Chesley Bush, C. J. Schmelz, Chester Marsh, C. M. Carlson, Ernest Nieira, C. B. Andrews, F. O. Butler, D. C. Oakleaf, Kathleen Morris, Herbert Honor, L. W. Hines, E. T. Noall, B. L. Baldwin, P. V. Konttas, W. C. Shipley, Irene Carlson of the California Tuberculosis Association.

Several communications were read and placed on file.

Preceding the evening meeting a clinic upon the subject of *Tuberculosis*, under the direction of Dr. Chesley Bush of the Alameda County Tuberculosis Hospital at Livermore, was held in the office of

Doctors Shipley, Mahan, and Hines at 533 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, beginning at 2 p. m. Twenty-nine patients, from all parts of the county, were examined. Their x-ray, history records, and laboratory findings had all been prepared in advance. Seven of these patients were found to have active tuberculosis; eleven of them were considered suspicious, although no definite evidence of tuberculosis existed; and the remaining eleven patients were absolutely clear, having only slight respiratory or sinus infections, which accounted for their symptoms.

Those present were deeply interested in Doctor Bush's careful examinations of patients and interpretations of the roentgenograms. The afternoon was well and profitably spent.

Following the business meeting, Doctor Bush was again introduced and he delivered a very interesting talk on *Tuberculosis*, illustrated by lantern slides. It was a pleasure to listen to Doctor Bush, as he is evidently thoroughly conversant with his subject and able to impart his knowledge to his listeners.

Doctor Bogle thanked Doctor Bush for coming to the meeting, and expressed appreciation for the help given. A rising vote of thanks was then tendered Doctor Bush.

The secretary announced that the December meeting would be the annual business meeting, report of officers, and election of officers for the ensuing year.

W. C. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

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VENTURA COUNTY

The monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held in the Clinic Building of the Ventura County Hospital on October 10. The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. by Dr. F. Royal Hendricks. Sixteen members and seven guests attended the meeting.

Doctor Ullmann of Santa Barbara, introduced as the speaker of the evening, gave a talk on the Alameda hospital plan. His talk was followed by a discussion by Doctors Henderson and Sheldon, members of the Public Relations Committee of Santa Barbara.

Following the program, communications were read. The Public Relations Committee was instructed to write to Doctor Dickie for the hospital plan of the Alameda County Medical Association.

Dr. W. S. Clark moved and Dr. Bardill seconded the motion, that the Public Relations Committee act on the hospital plan. The motion was carried.

Dr. Thair Rich's application for transfer from Los Angeles County to Ventura County was read. It was moved, seconded and carried, that Doctor Rich be elected a member.

WILLIAM FELBERBAUM, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members (21)

Alameda County.—Donald Andrews Macfarlane, Frank E. Sawyer.

Contra Costa County.—Melvin Cooper Bolender, Claude Lamar Kerns.

Los Angeles County.—Robert V. Baker, Karel B. Blahnik, Florence May Dunlap, Edward Dorsey Ellis, E. Earll Kinzer, James J. O'Connor, M. W. Rosenberg, Carroll G. Simons, Albert James Supple, E. G. Louis Wiebusch.

San Diego County.—John Lee Farmer, Frederick F. Miller.

San Francisco County.—David Crise Cleave, Samuel R. Sherman, Charles Weiss.

Santa Clara County.—William E. Delphey, Hyman Tucker.

Transferred (3)

E. H. Benson, from Mendocino to Alameda County.

F. C. Ferry, from Orange to Los Angeles County.

Giuseppe Vercellini, from Fresno to Los Angeles County.

In Memoriam

Alexander, Ralph Lee. Died October 19, 1933, age 57. Graduate of University Medical College of Kansas City, 1903. Licensed in California in 1922. Doctor Alexander was a member of the Orange County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Braafladt, Louis Henry. Died November 10, 1933, age 48. Graduate of Rush Medical College, 1916. Doctor Braafladt was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Bryant, Ernest Albert. Died October 19, 1933, age 64. Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, 1890. Licensed in California in 1891. Doctor Bryant was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Costar, William James, Jr. Died October 25, 1933, age 34. Graduate of the University of California Medical School in 1927, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Costar was a member of the Butte County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Edwards, William A. Died November 15, 1933, age 73. Graduate of the Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, 1881. Licensed in California in 1889. Doctor Edwards was an honorary member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Gaynor, John Joseph. Died October 1, 1933, age 79. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1881. Licensed in California in 1892. Doctor Gaynor was a member of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Johnson, Carl. Died September 14, 1933, age 64. Graduate of the Denver College of Medicine, 1891. Licensed in California in 1912. Doctor Johnson was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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McElroy, Bernard F. Died November 7, 1933, age 61. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, 1899. Licensed in California in 1900. Doctor McElroy was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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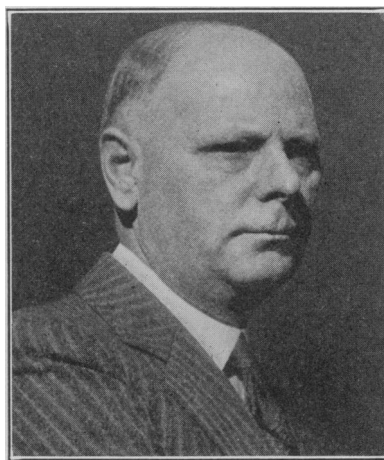
Oliver, Joseph A. Died October 17, 1933, age 71. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1889. Licensed in California in 1890. Doctor Oliver was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Pope, Frederick Samuel. Died October 9, 1933, age 65. Graduate of the Medical Faculty of Trinity University, Toronto, 1898. Licensed in California the same year. Doctor Pope was a member of the Orange County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Talbot, William Thompson. Died November 9, 1933, age 52. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, 1918. Licensed in California the same year. Doctor Thompson was a member of the Imperial County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

OBITUARIES



Howard Augustus Gallup
1884-1933

By the sudden death of Dr. Howard Augustus Gallup from a coronary occlusion on October 9, the county of San Luis Obispo has lost one of its most valued physicians.

Doctor Gallup was born in Santa Clara on February 19, 1884. He was graduated from Cooper Medical College in 1911, and interned at the Santa Clara County Hospital. At El Segundo he practiced for two years, and at Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County, four years. He moved to San Luis Obispo City in 1918, where he was associated with the late Doctor Stover. He acquired the San Luis Sanitarium in 1919, which he retained until his death.

Doctor Gallup was most active in civic affairs. As president of the local Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Rotary Club, and active worker in the cause of crippled children and member of the board of directors of the California Society for Crippled Children, he was a valued asset to the San Luis Obispo community. He was president of the San Luis Obispo County Fish and Game Association, and a director of the state organization; president, also, of the Guarantee Building and Loan Association of San Luis Obispo.

He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, King David Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine.

Doctor Gallup is survived by his widow, Maude Chase Gallup, and his son, Robert, nineteen years of age. A younger brother, Chester Gallup, resides in San Jose. A sister, Mrs. Eunice Anteuireith, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Gallup, reside in Yreka.

ALLEN F. GILLIHAN.

Frederick Pope

1863-1933

Frederick S. Pope of Santa Ana died October 19, after a brief illness from cerebral hemorrhage, in St. Joseph Hospital, Orange. Although he had been a member of the Orange County Medical Association for only a few years, he had formed many friendships among the members and was much respected.

Doctor Pope was born in Cornwall, England, of English parentage, May 16, 1863. His parents were William Pope and Elizabeth Chenoweth Pope.

His preliminary education was had at English public schools, including the Plymouth Grammar School. In 1893 he married Elizabeth S. Stafford. Having removed to Canada, Doctor Pope studied medicine, and was graduated from Trinity University, Toronto, M. D. 1898. His California license was granted shortly thereafter.

For a while Doctor Pope practiced in Alberta, Canada, but kept in close touch with the land of his nativity. He received his M. R. C. S., England, in 1902, and the following year his L. R. C. P., London.

During the Great War he served for a time in the Royal Army Medical Corps, Fort Recasla, Malta.

In 1924 Dr. and Mrs. Pope located in Orange County, where Doctor Pope remained in active practice until his death. The doctor was an Episcopalian in church affiliation, and Republican in politics.

The sympathy of the members of the Orange County Medical Association is extended to Mrs. Pope in the loss of her husband.

C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS*

Legislation Provides Reimbursement to Some Hospitals for Services to Indigents Injured in Automobile Accidents

Between \$250,000 and \$300,000 in state funds will be available during the next twelve months for distribution to some hospitals of the state as reimbursement for expenses incurred by such institutions for the care of indigent persons injured in motor-vehicle accidents, in accordance with the terms of legislation (House Bill No. 80), enacted by the ninetieth Ohio General Assembly, and which became effective October 9.

Only Ohio hospitals "organized and operated not for profit" will benefit under the Act, which was sponsored and promoted by the Ohio Hospital Association and introduced in the legislature by Representative S. A. Hesse, Cleveland. A considerable number of privately owned hospitals and institutions will be excluded from participation in the fund because of the "nonprofit" requirement of the Act.

The measure had a stormy career in the legislature and was not enacted until the closing moments of the session because of objections raised by some members of the General Assembly. At that time it was pointed out by some legislators that the Act discriminated between hospitals and that it provided for the use of a specific state fund designated for other purposes. Moreover, doubt was raised as to the fundamental policy of compensation for one particular type of injuries and as to the soundness of the policy of having the state finance such activities which are not strictly emergency poor relief activities.

To save the bill from defeat its backers consented to an amendment which limits its operation and effect until March 1, 1935.

* An open forum for progress notes on the department's activities, and for brief discussions on medical economics. Correspondence and suggestions invited. Address Walter M. Dickie, Room 2039, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco. This column is conducted by the Director of the Department.

Under the Act each hospital able to qualify under the terms of the Act will be entitled to reimbursement from the State Maintenance and Repair Fund, raised by the annual automobile license-tag fees, for the care of persons injured in motor-vehicle accidents who are unable to pay for hospitalization.

The sum to be taken from the Maintenance and Repair Fund for reimbursement to hospitals is allotted by setting aside 19 cents for each motor vehicle registered in the state for the years 1933, 1934, and 1935 prior to March 1, 1935.

Hospitals permitted to share in the fund will be paid on a *per diem* basis for the hospitalization of indigent victims of motor-vehicle accidents. The *per diem* rate is to be the same as the *per diem* amount paid to each hospital by the State Industrial Commission.

As defined in the Act, an "indigent person is one who has suffered a motor-vehicle injury, is received and cared for in a hospital, is unable to pay for the cost of such care and whose account, therefore, remains unpaid at the expiration of ninety days after the termination of such care."

The Act excludes an employee suffering from a motor-vehicle injury with respect to which he is entitled to the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act. A person injured by the operation of a motor vehicle is deemed unable to pay hospital charges if it appears that, should an action be brought and judgment secured for the payment of the hospital bill against him or against any other person legally responsible for his care, execution thereon is unavailing.

The State Registrar of Motor Vehicles is charged with administration of the Act and with approval and payment of claims filed by hospitals. Hospitals entitled to the benefits of the Act and desiring to take advantage of it are required to make, monthly, detailed reports to the registrar, setting forth all the facts in the case for which payment is requested. If the registrar of motor vehicles disapproves any claim, the claimant hospital is entitled to a hearing before him to press its claim. The decision of the registrar in all claims is final.

In case a patient for whom a hospital has been reimbursed by the registrar should become able to pay for his hospitalization, the hospital is expected to collect from him the amount of his hospital bill. Should the amount of the bill be collected, the registrar of motor vehicles is authorized to deduct such amount from future claims submitted by the hospital. In event reimbursement to the state cannot be collected in this manner, the Act authorizes suit against the hospital by the Attorney-General.—*Ohio State Journal*, November, 1933.

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Court Ruling on Fee Splitting

Considerable publicity has been given to a novel case recently decided in the Surrogate's Court of New York County, New York, in which the division of fees by physicians was involved. The case arose from a provision in the will of the late Henry Sterne which established trusts for the benefit of the Montefiore Hospital and the Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York City, but provided that, to become eligible, the two institutions must "make a binding rule to the effect that any and all physicians at any time practicing for remuneration in the said respective institutions shall be required to and shall pay toward the maintenance and support of the said institution a sum of money equal to 10 per cent of the gross fees which shall at any time be received by such physicians, respectively, for services performed by them in the said institutions."

A protest against this provision of the will was filed in the Surrogate's Court by the two hospitals, the petition stating that the condition imposed upon them a rule of conduct which was in violation of public policy, compelled the division of fees by physicians and would impair the efficiency of the hospital.

In deciding the case in favor of the hospitals and striking the provision from the will, the court declared:

"It is immaterial whether the division of medical fees occurs between a physician or a layman, or a physician and a physician in cases prohibited by the canons of ethics, or, as in the situation here, between a physician and a hospital. Inevitably such a method of division would lead to deterioration in the medical staffs of hospitals with attendant injury to the public. It would likewise subject some physicians to the temptation of overcharging their patients to meet the requirements of the hospital rule.

"Although the difficulty in enforcing the condition might not of itself be a ground for a determination of invalidity, where, as here, it is mingled with a requirement that is unreasonable, unethical, and in violation of public policy, the court cannot sustain it."

This attitude of the New York court is encouraging. It is possible it may blaze the trail for similar settlements of bad situations elsewhere, where division of fees is not necessarily involved, but where commercialized ventures in supplying medical services are flourishing.

It may become necessary for those familiar with the dangers of many medical and hospital service schemes to turn to the court to protect the public. It is easy to imagine the short work which could be made of some medical rackets were the projects taken to court for judgment on their merits in the light of public policy and public benefits.—*Ohio State Medical Journal*, November, 1933.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

Component County Auxiliaries

Alameda County.—Last year the members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Alameda County Medical Association started something. They invited their husbands to a party. Quite evidently the husbands liked it, for this year, when they were asked to a dinner party on October 20, they all wanted to come. The large dining-hall of the Women's Athletic Club was well filled.

Mrs. Charles E. Dukes, president of the auxiliary, spoke a few cordial words of welcome and introduced the guests of honor, Dr. George Reinle, president of the State Medical Association, and Mrs. Reinle, whose presence added greatly to the importance and pleasure of the occasion.

Unfortunately, Dr. Dexter Richards, president of the County Medical Association, was unable to attend, and Mrs. Richards had to endure the evening as a widow. Dr. Frank Baxter, president-elect of that organization, made himself famous as the author of a speech, which might be called *The Exploitation of Madame X*.

A series of clever dramatic readings was presented by Miss Dorothy Crawford, of national broadcasting fame. Mrs. William H. Sargent led the whole group in singing some medical renditions of old songs with most entertaining results. Many guests remained for cards later in the evening.

Undeniably the party was a complete success. There is no question about that. But there are rumors of a question. Has anyone been asked, "Who gave that party?"

* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Thomas J. Clark, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 40 Ross Circle, Oakland. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Clark and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate one page in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

Los Angeles County.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association was held October 17 at the Ebell Club Solarium, with Mrs. A. Bennett Cooke presiding. Luncheon was served at 12:30, followed by a short business meeting.

The program was given by Dr. E. S. Remmen, who spoke on *Changing Conditions in Medical Practice*. Dr. Harry Wilson spoke on *How Shall These Changing Conditions Be Met*, comparing many of the old methods of care, still used by the uninformed, to the new.

Current Events—*The New County Hospital* was given by Mr. O. W. Olsen, assistant superintendent of the Los Angeles County Hospital.

Sacramento County.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, October 17, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Harris. About seventy members and guests were present. A short business meeting was held, with the president, Mrs. F. N. Scatena, presiding. It was voted to give \$10 to the Community Chest, \$10 to the Sacramento Orphanage, and \$5 to the "Little House," a home for girls who are too old for the orphanage and too young for the Y. W. C. A. Two new members were announced: Mrs. Joseph L. Mullen of Sacramento and Mrs. L. B. Barnes of Newcastle. Mrs. George Foster was named chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Mrs. H. J. Davis was nominated from the floor, Mrs. Foster from the executive board, the third member to be selected by the two named. The announcement was made that the next meeting would be held on the third Tuesday of November at the home of Mrs. Burt Howard and no cards will be sent out.

After the business meeting, musical selections were given by Mrs. George Iki, accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Pitts, and by Mrs. Herman Lehne, accompanied by Mrs. George Popert. Miss Cornelia Provines, Sacramento County Librarian, reviewed three books in a most entertaining manner.

The program was followed by a social hour, and refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mesdames J. Roy Jones, George Iki, Nathan Hale, and Bert Thomas. Everyone present declared it was one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings the auxiliary has ever held.

On Monday, October 23, our president, Mrs. Scatena, left for Chicago to be present on October 30 at the all-day meeting of the Chairmen of the National Women's Crusade, called by Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt. As auxiliary president here, Mrs. Scatena was named chairman in this district and sponsored the meeting at which Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt spoke here in Sacramento. At the meeting in Chicago of the National Women's Committee, the speakers will be Mrs. Roosevelt, Mr. Newton Baker, and Miss Jane Addams.

(Mrs.) F. P. BRENDL,
Corresponding Secretary.

San Diego County.—The Woman's Auxiliary to the San Diego County Medical Society met on October 10. The members present regretted that the president, Mrs. Charles E. Howard, could not be with us on account of illness.

The Nominating Committee, to report a slate of officers at the November meeting, was appointed. A proposed amendment including the words "adult granddaughters" in the membership, making our local constitution correspond with the state's, was read. A formal vote favoring the adoption of a project co-operating with the Crippled Children's Society of San Diego in its work with infantile paralysis was made.

Interesting bits of current events were given by one member, and the book "Devils, Drugs, and Doctors" was delightfully reviewed by another member, as the main part of the program.

(Mrs.) HARRIET L. COLBY, Secretary.

Santa Barbara County.—Twenty-one members and guests were entertained by the new president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, Mrs. John Van Paing, at her home 1334 Alameda Padre Serra on Friday afternoon, October 20.

There were tables of bridge, followed by a short business session, Mrs. Van Paing presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Wilcox reported placing a subscription to *Hygeia* with the library of the new recreation rooms, as a gift from the auxiliary. A letter of resignation from Mrs. Atsatt was read. Mrs. Stevens moved to accept Mrs. Atsatt's resignation and to have the secretary write her a letter expressing our sincere regrets in so doing. Mrs. Friedell seconded the motion.

The president requested those present to offer suggestions for a benefit, to take place in the near future, whereby we may secure funds for our nurses' awards. Mrs. Van Paing named Mesdames Wilcox, Profant, and Hambach as a committee to arrange a card party.

After the meeting adjourned, a very lovely tea was served by the hostess, with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bakewell presiding.

MABEL HUNT, *Secretary.*

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association*

ARTICLE III

Members

Section 1. Change to read:

(a) *The membership of this Auxiliary shall consist of women members—active, associate, and honorary.*

(b) *Active membership shall consist of women members in good standing in the component county auxiliaries.*

(c) *Associate membership shall consist of women who are wives of interns, wives of members of the United States Army and Navy Medical Corps.*

(d) *Honorary membership may be conferred only by the Board upon those women to whom a particular tribute is deemed desirable.*

Add:

Section 2. (b) *Women otherwise eligible to membership whose husbands practice any art of healing not recognized by the medical profession, shall forfeit all membership privilege.*

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 1. Insert after the word "Constitution" on second line, *together with the chairmen of standing committees.*

Section 3. Add as paragraph (c) under this section:

All County Presidents shall be eligible to attend Board meetings and shall receive written notices of same. They shall have voice but no vote in the proceedings.

*Article from present Constitution covering amendments.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting of this Auxiliary by a two-thirds vote of the members of the House of Delegates present and voting, provided a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member of the Board of Directors and to the Secretary of each county auxiliary at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of said meeting; and provided further that said amendment shall have been published at least once in *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* at least three months prior to the adoption thereof; and provided, finally, that such amendment shall, prior to adoption thereof, have been approved by the Council of the California Medical Association evidenced by resolution thereof.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of Officers

Section 2. Add to end of this paragraph:

It shall be her duty to encourage active organization of County Auxiliaries throughout the State.

Section 3. Change the word "Program" to *Health Education*. And add to this section: *It shall be her duty to outline suggested programs and to assist County Program Chairmen in developing programs suited to their needs.*

Section 4. Change to read:

The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and shall perform such other duties as are outlined in the *Handbook*.

Section 5. Add to this section:

She shall present at the annual meeting a report duly audited by a professional accountant.

Section 6. Add as paragraph:

(b) *The Corresponding Secretary shall be Chairman of Credentials and Registration.*

Add as paragraph:

(c) *It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to send to the National President, immediately following the annual meeting, twelve copies of the list of newly elected officers and members of the State Board.*

Add as:

Section 9. *All duties of all officers as outlined herein shall be amplified according to "Duties of Officers" in Handbook for State Auxiliaries.*

ARTICLE VIII

Standing Committees

Section 1. Change to read:

The Auxiliary shall carry on its major activities through the following Standing Committees, the Chairmen of which (unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution) shall be appointed by the President.

Membership and Organization
Health Education
Finance
Public Relations
Public Health Activities
Editor and Publicity
Hygeia
Convention

Section 2. Change to read:

Each Standing Committee shall consist of at least three members, the Chairman of which shall be a member of the Board of Directors, the other members to be appointed by the President and Chairman, and ratified by the Board.

Section 3. Change to read:

(a) *The duties of the Committee on Membership and Organization shall be as outlined in Article VII, Section 2.*

(b) *The duties of the Committee on Health Education shall be as outlined in Article VII, Section 3.*

(c) *The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, the Chairman (appointed by the President), the Treasurer, and the retiring Treasurer. This committee shall prepare the annual budget and present same to the Board for its approval at the pre-convention meeting, before final submission to the House of Delegates.*

(d) *The Committee on Public Relations shall be the liaison between the Auxiliary and all other organizations. This committee shall foster and encourage all matters looking to the advancement of medical science.*

(e) *The Committee on Public Health Activities shall seek information concerning all Public Health Activities with a view toward cooperating in the promotion of acceptable health measures.*

(f) *Editor and Publicity: It shall be the duty of this committee to edit the Auxiliary department in "California and Western Medicine," and to file all suitable material for the Archives. This committee shall prepare all public notices and articles for the press and shall send duplicate*

copies of all outstanding items of interest to the National Publicity Chairman. This committee shall be the custodian of the State Scrap Book and shall prepare all State and National exhibits of same.

(g) *The Hygeia Committee shall be responsible for subscriptions to "Hygeia" magazine, and shall cooperate in the program outlined by the National "Hygeia" Chairman.*

(h) *The Convention Committee shall be responsible for the details of convention entertainment and program, and shall work in conjunction with the President in all plans. This committee shall prepare and present for approval at the February meeting of the Board a tentative program for the annual meeting. This committee shall also be responsible for all pre-convention publicity.*

ARTICLE IX

Nominations and Elections

Section 3. Add as paragraph:

(b) *If, through lack of proper representation of a district at the annual meeting there is a vacancy in the councilorship, this vacancy shall be filled by the Board at its first meeting.*

Add as paragraph:

(c) *When only one delegate is present to represent a district, she shall be nominated District Councilor.*

ARTICLE X

Delegates

Section 4. Change to read:

The Board of Directors of each County Auxiliary shall elect its delegates and alternates, *and forward list of same to State Treasurer.* Each County Auxiliary secretary shall distribute the proper credential cards *which shall have been issued by the State Corresponding Secretary*, to both delegates and alternates, *and shall return the duplicates, properly signed, to the State Corresponding Secretary.*

Add as

Section 5. *Vacancies occurring in any county delegation may be filled by the chairman of said delegation.*

Section 5, as it now stands, to be known as Section 6.

Section 6, as it now stands, to be known as Section 7.

ARTICLE XI

Meetings

Insert as

Section 4. *The registration fee for members at the annual meeting shall be one dollar each member.*

Section 4. This section as it now stands, to be known as Section 5.

ARTICLE XII

Dues

Section 3. Omit.

ARTICLE XIII

County Auxiliaries

Section 3. Change to read:

The wives and mothers, adult sisters, adult daughters and adult granddaughters, and the widows of members in good standing of a county medical society (active, associate or honorary) only shall be eligible to membership in the county auxiliary. Women having the degree of M. D. or a degree for any art of healing, or whose husbands practice any art of healing not recognized by the State Medical Association, shall be ineligible to membership.

Section 8. (b) Change to read:

The fiscal year of all county auxiliaries shall correspond to the calendar year.

Section 9. Change to read:

Names of all delegates and alternates shall be filed in the office of the Treasurer of the State Auxiliary thirty days prior to the annual meeting. *The name of the chairman of the delegation shall be indicated.*

Section 11. Add as paragraph:

(b) *Immediately following each annual election, the Corresponding Secretary shall forward two copies of the list of newly elected officers to the State President.*

NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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HORACE J. BROWN, Reno	Secretary-Treasurer

COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

CLARK COUNTY

On November 14 the Clark County Medical Society was entertained by Dr. R. O. Scofield, with dinner at the Boulder City Hospital, and who then presented a series of fracture cases then under treatment.

Fractures of the humerus and scapula, accompanied by dislocation of the humerus; compound comminuted fractures of the leg; fractures of the os calcis and fractures of the metacarpals, to a total of about forty cases, were presented and discussed.

Dr. F. M. Ferguson gave a short talk on Doctor Hertzler and his work at the Halstead Hospital.

J. N. VAN METER, *Secretary.*

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WASHOE COUNTY

The Washoe County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting in the State Building, Tuesday evening, November 14, Dr. Da Costa presiding.

The society moved to reverse the usual order of proceedings by calling upon Dr. F. M. Pottenger of Monrovia, California. Doctor Pottenger came to Reno under the direction of the California Tuberculosis Association, and was sponsored by the Nevada Public Health Association and the Washoe County Medical Society. The subject of Doctor Pottenger's address was a general review of the treatment of tuberculosis for the past sixty years. The foundation for scientific treatment really did not begin till the discovery of the tubercle bacillus by Robert Koch in 1882. Since the cause of the disease was known, the attention of the medical profession has been directed as much to the prevention of the disease as toward its cure. Organized scientific effort has not only materially lessened the death rate, but provided a much more hopeful outlook for the tuberculous patient. Today the outlook for the tuberculous patient, coupled with hygienic surroundings, becomes the great hope for both patient and profession. The public health slogan should be early recognition of the disease. This should consist in well-organized clinics where every school child should be regularly examined by all the diagnostic means at the command of the profession.

The whole field of mental and physical therapeutics was so thoroughly covered by the speaker that the audience could have listened as long as he would care to talk. So we say, appreciatively, "Come again, Doctor Pottenger."

The society then resumed its routine work and upon conclusion adjourned.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary.*

The great characteristic of any living thing, the final distinction between a living thing and a dead thing, is the ability which the living thing has to adjust itself to its surroundings. For instance, a dead thing, a stone or a corpse, in the Arctic becomes chilled clear through; in the tropics becomes heated clear through; it is at the mercy of its surroundings. But a living man shows an unchanged internal temperature, whether he be exposed to Arctic or tropic, summer or winter, so long as he is alive and well—*i. e.*, so long as he can adjust himself to his surroundings. That is what "alive and well" means. Health is "successful adjustment, without pain or damage."—H. W. Hill, M. D.